

Fair and Warmer  
Tonight.

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## SOUTH POLE NEXT IS PEARY'S PLAN IF HE IS BACKED

Willing to Assist Any Expedition to Be Started by Americans.

## OFFERS ROOSEVELT TO CARRY PARTY

Would Have Base on Coats Island and Work From There.

Commander Robert E. Peary, discoverer of the northernmost point of the earth, is making plans to aid in exploring for its antithesis, the South Pole. Formal announcement of this fact was made today through the board of managers of the National Geographic Society.

According to tentative arrangements, the expedition will start some time during the fall of 1910, and hopes to reach the South Pole by December 31, 1911. It will sail on the steamship Roosevelt, upon which Commander Peary made his successful hunt for the North Pole, under the joint auspices of the National Geographic Society and the Peary Arctic Club.

Preliminary plans for the expedition were discussed at a meeting of the board of managers of the Geographic Society at Dr. Alexander Graham Bell's residence last evening, when Commander Peary made the proposition himself on behalf of the Peary Arctic Club.

The Arctic Club, he said, proposed to contribute the steamship Roosevelt, which could not be duplicated for \$150,000, provided the Geographic Society should assume the responsibility for the initial \$50,000, and that all expenses above \$50,000 be divided equally between the two organizations.

### Base on Coats Land.

Commander Peary estimated the expenses of such an expedition at \$150,000, or not more than \$100,000. The Peary, he said, would be attacked from Coats Land, that part of the Antarctic continent which is directly opposite Cape Royds, the base of the British South Polar expedition. The two camps would thus be about 2,000 miles apart and would be approximately the same distance from the Pole.

According to estimates the expedition should reach Coats Land about March 11, and begin the campaign for the Polar regions immediately.

According to a statement issued by the board of managers of the Geographic Society today, it was announced that the meeting last night "was entirely informal, and no action was taken in the matter." But, nevertheless, it can be accepted as a fact that what has been stated are Commander Peary's plans, and while he does not intend to accompany the expedition he is willing to aid it with advice based upon experience.

### Appeals to Patriotism.

In its statement respecting the expedition the board announced that: "The matter was referred to the finance and research committees of the society, with instructions to report at a special meeting of the board to be called at an early date. If it is found that the members of the society will financially support the proposed expedition, it was the general, but informal, opinion of the board that the work ought to be undertaken in the interest of science and of America."

In an incidental statement issued by the board of managers today it is said: "The society has grown so rapidly that it requires additional quarters for its working force, and it has expended \$20,000 to purchase a frontage of fifty-six additional feet on Sixteenth street. The erection of a building on this site will require practically all the available funds of the society."

### HIGHER RATES OPPOSED.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 2.—A resolution protesting against any advance in the postal rates on second class matter will be sent today to the Postmaster-General. It was adopted yesterday at the closing session of the national convention of Mine Workers.

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## GROUND HOGS UNANIMOUS IN PREDICTING WINTER

After One Glance at Sun-Kissed Skies, Little Unofficial Forecasters Skurry Back to Their Holes for Six Weeks' Naps.

A leaf from the unpublished diary of A. Ground Hog:  
February 2, 1910.—9 a. m.—Got up. Slept fine. Smells misty.  
10 a. m.—Seems bright out, but haven't looked yet. Still feel a little sleepy and tired.

10:30—Just peeped out. Saw the shadow of my nose, I'm pretty sure. Looks hopeless.

11—All ready to go out. Everything in order in case I don't return.

11:05—Just came back. "Good night."

Ground hogs all over the city, when seen today, said not for several years have conditions been so favorable for a unanimous verdict. It's wintry weather for six weeks straight with nary a chance for a change.

Each and every one of the little animals, which many persons talk a lot about but have never seen, emerged from their winter holes this morning, glad of a chance for the exercise

and hopeful for weather that would permit them to begin their spring business and early social season. There was distinctly nothing doing. Every groundhog who even peeped out saw his dreaded shadow and such a scurrying there never was as that in the vicinity of the little colonies of groundhogs who were all making for their winter quarters at the same time. By noon today all groundhogs had buried their heads beyond human sight for six weeks of an uninterrupted sleep. Many persons recalled the old rhyme today.

"If Candlemas day be wet and foul,  
The first of winter's gone at yule;  
If Candlemas day be fair and bright,  
Winter will have another flight."

And many devout believers in Groundhog day, or Woodchuck day, or Candlemas day, as it has been variously called, bought new rubber shoes, had their winter overcoats pressed for another six months' wear, and spent the money they had saved for a spring suit for something else.

## POLICEMAN LEER GETS A TRANSFER

Bluecoat Subjected to Criticism in Football Case, Goes to Desk.

Major Sylvester today announced a number of changes and transfers in the police force.

Ernest Leer, who was in charge of the Seventh precinct patrol wagon the day Archie Christian, the University of Virginia football player, was killed on Georgetown field, and who was one of the bluecoats whose handling of the injured man was the subject of considerable criticism by persons who witnessed the accident, is transferred from wagon duty to desk work at the same precinct.

S. B. Chaffee, of the same precinct, will take Leer's place on the wagon.

S. D. Edwards, wagon man at No. 3, is transferred to the Seventh precinct. Thomas Hanley, of No. 6, will take Edwards' place on No. 3 wagon. S. D. Gibson, bicycle man at No. 6, goes on No. 6 wagon. W. C. Allen, bicycle, transferred from No. 3 to No. 8.

Louis Gee, of No. 9 wagon, is transferred to No. 11 wagon; T. M. Kramer, deskman at No. 11, also goes on the patrol wagon. T. J. Roberts, No. 9, is assigned to desk duty at No. 11.

Others transfers are: W. J. Clayton, 7 to 9; H. C. Russell, bicycle man, 4 to 9; J. W. Platon, 9 to 4; J. S. Bryan, 6 to 10; J. P. McMahon, No. 2, assigned to duty on patrol wagon.

C. S. Vermillion has resigned to go into the automobile business, and Gaines Easley, a private in the fire department, has been appointed on the police force to fill the vacancy.

## LOUISE WILL FIGHT BEING UNDER GUARD

Bulgarian Princess to Defend Her Fortune From Relatives.

PARIS, Feb. 2.—Now that Princess Louise of Belgium, who has been living quietly in France since the death of her father, King Leopold II, is paying her debts, amounting, as is well known, to many millions, a movement is threatened to place her newly inherited property in the hands of a judicial committee. Duke Ernest Comte, of Schleswig-Holstein, her son-in-law, has made the demand.

In an interview the Princess says he is less qualified than any one else to question her ability to manage her own affairs, since he is so deeply in debt himself, but let him beware, I shall be able to defend myself. If either of us requires a guardian, I can assure you it is not I.

### "I can well understand," says the Princess, "that he should wish to get my fortune into his possession under the mere obligation of paying me a modest annuity, but let him beware, I shall be able to defend myself. If either of us requires a guardian, I can assure you it is not I."

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## POUND OF BREAD SOUGHT IN LOAF

Dr. Wiley Advocates Sale of All Solid Foods by Weight.

Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, chief of the Bureau of Chemistry, addressed the District Commissioners this morning at a hearing on the proposed law for the District of Columbia.

Speaking as an "ultimate consumer" and in his capacity as a private citizen, Dr. Wiley made plain his desire to obtain pound loaves of bread.

"The law should provide that no food products should be sold except by weight or measure," said the doctor.

"The bakers purchase their flour by the barrel and their loaf by the pound and they are careful to see that they receive all that is coming to them. Why should they not give to the public that buys their bread the same assurance?"

### Fourteen Ounce Loaves.

"As a member of the house committee of one of the largest clubs in the city I have bought many hundreds of loaves of bread within the last few years and I know that the average loaf sold in this town does not weigh more than fourteen ounces. A barrel of flour weighs 196 pounds and from it is made over 300 loaves. At this price a barrel of flour in the form of baked loaves, is selling from \$15 to \$16 a barrel.

"I do not criticize the bakers. There are, of course, many other expenses to be taken into consideration, but the cost of manufacture should be known by the consumer so that he may determine whether it is cheaper to purchase his bread from the baker or to bake it himself.

"The law of standard weights on volumes should extend to all foods, including vegetables and eggs. Eggs sold by the pound in France, and why not the same methods apply here?"

### Beer Paid For; Foam Obtained.

"In distilled good, the principles are the same. A man asks for a quart of beer and receives a fifth of a gallon. The poor man pays a nickel for a glass of beer and gets a little beer and a lot of foam. I am not an advocate of beer drinking, but if a man pays for beer, he should get beer."

Returning to the bread question, Dr. Wiley advocated the adoption of a regulation limiting the amount of moisture in bread to 35 per cent.

Dr. George M. Kober, Dr. E. D. Thompson, president of the North Capitol and Eckington Citizens' Association, and H. C. Grothouse addressed the Commissioners, briefly in advocacy of the proposed law. The adoption of further regulations providing for the clearly handling of the bread in its transfer from the wagons to the grocery stores was urged by Dr. Thompson.

It was suggested that each loaf be wrapped in oil paper, and that the representatives of the bakers and other opponents of the measure were not present.

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## PARIS IN DANGER OF TYPHOID FEVER

Polluted Water Supply Following Flood Prolific of Disease.

## WAR ON APACHES STOPS ROBBERIES

Vigorous Measures Put Effective Stop to Petty Thieving.

PARIS, Feb. 2.—While the River Seine is still many feet above its normal height, it is practically within its old bed today. The fall in the last twenty-four hours has been seventeen inches, the stage today measuring twenty-two feet and five inches at the Pont d'Austerlitz. A fall of eighteen inches is expected today.

That a scourge of typhoid fever threatens the city as a result of its polluted water supply was indicated today by several cases of typhoid that were reported to the authorities. The victims had been so engorged in other flood problems that they had not taken the precaution of boiling their drinking water.

The health department issued another "boil-your-water" bulletin today, though the conditions in large sections of the city and in many of the suburbs make it almost impossible to follow the instructions.

Acute suffering still exists in many suburbs, particularly at Vermeil, where the water is even with the second floors of the houses. The national road from Paris to Rouen is submerged for most of its length.

Three days of vigorous warfare against Apaches has appreciably decreased their depredations. Numerous robberies are reported, but the thieves are taking greater care to operate in isolated sections and not to run afoul of the authorities.

American contributions to the relief fund will probably reach \$250,000 before the week is over. They now amount to \$100,000, of which \$125,000 has already been turned over to the authorities by Ambassador Bacon.

In addition to the relief fund, the United States has agreed to furnish a loaf of bread each day for the next thirty days to every needy flood sufferer.

## NEIGHBOR LAUDS SPEAKER CANNON

Cannot Be Defeated in Home District, Says Danville Man.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—Mrs. Ida von Claussen, who has arrived in New York after a trip abroad, declared today that she will push her suit for \$1,000,000 against former President Roosevelt, Robert M. Bacon, former Assistant Secretary of State, and Consul Harper, at Paris, and will carry it to the Supreme Court of the United States, if necessary.

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## Will Press Damage Suit



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## MRS. VON CLAUSSEN AULD IS PREPARED READY FOR FIGHT TO TAKE THE STAND

Demands \$1,000,000 for Her Paymaster, Charged With Treatment by Roosevelt et al.

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## PRESIDENT CERTAIN ALL HIS MEASURES WILL BE ENACTED

Taft Assured Insurgents and Regulars Will Assist in Legislation.

## BILLS COMPRISE PARTY'S PLEDGES

Federal Incorporation Plan May Be Allowed to Go Over Until Next Session.

By JAMES HAY, Jr.

These two great facts are the dominant features of the situation within the Republican party here today:

The President feels confident that all his measures, as promised in the platform on which he was elected, will be enacted into law by the combined strength of the regulars and the insurgents of the Republican party.

The time has come when the House Committee on Rules has lost its old arbitrary power, and the House "ring" relies on the caucus instead of the mere dictum of the rules committee to put through any legislative measure.

While the insurgents were the first to go to the White House with the assurance that they stood squarely behind the President's legislation, and while the regulars have as yet made no such formal declaration, information has been carried to Mr. Taft that the House organization will stand shoulder to shoulder with the insurgents and vote into law the postal savings bank bill, the injunction bill, the interstate commerce bill, and the conservation measure.

These bills are the ones which the President insists should be enacted into law by this session of Congress in order to carry out the party's campaign promises.

The Federal incorporation bill may be allowed to go over until next session. The standard bill has already passed the House and Senator Beveridge has given his promise that it will go through the Senate.

The outlook for the anti-subsidy bill is bright.

Both of these are strongly favored by Mr. Taft, but he does not class them as being as necessary as those promised in the platform.

It can not be assumed, however, that because the House insurgents have assured the President of their support, they have given up their fight to oust the Speaker from the Committee on Rules and make that body purely elective by the House. As a matter of fact, the insurgents point out, they have never been opposed to the President's policies, and they are fighting in the House an entirely separate matter from national legislation and policies.

Moreover, the insurgents claim they have broken already the power of the Committee on Rules. They say the leaders of the House, the Cannon-Dulzetti crowd, no longer bring matters out of the committee with the assumption that they can command a majority for anything they try to do. On the contrary, they resort now to the party caucus, where, after free and open discussion, some sort of arrangement is made whereby all members of the party can stand.

They are determined to oust the Speaker from the rules committee before this session ends.

The President is taking the best means possible to deal in a measure with the breach in the party and to make it stronger for its desperate fight in the next Congressional elections, for it is easy to see that, if the regulars and the insurgents vote together on the legislative program, this very fact will have a tendency to bring them closer together, of course.

Hayes Is Active.

Representative Hayes of California, one of the insurgent leaders, continued today to circulate among the Republican members of the House his petition for a party caucus, at which it is hoped to enlarge the Committee on Rules and remove Speaker